northeast coast. I still recall my horror in the morning, when I perceived at my head a long row of human jawbones, and among them a few that had not yet served a very long time as souvenirs. Chieftain Zikan showed me with the greatest obligingness the place at the entrance to Carola Harbor where he and his men ate dead enemies, and numerous bones and skull fragments bore witness to the fact that these festivities were not rare. The above place is the source of a skull that is still in my possession and which had still been the head of a living person not long before I received it as a gift from the chieftain. They told me the name of the owner, and a few days later on the coast of Zoloss (south Buka) I found out that the same man had been a member of this community and had been killed by Zikan's people about four weeks previously. On the island of Keaop in Ernst Günther Harbor in the year 1895 I saw two baskets that contained roasted portions of a human body; in Bagovegove, farther south, two dogs were gnawing at pieces of a human pelvic bone, which could not have been many days old. All over this area I encountered not the slightest inclination on the part of the natives to conceal or to deny this abominable practice. 266

To be sure, certain rules are observed at cannibal feasts. The corpse of the slain enemy is brought to a certain place--usually to a clearing not far from the settlement. Here it is cut up and various parts are sent to friendly neighboring tribes. The men eat their portion at this place; a share is sent to the women and children, but they are forbidden to be present at the carving, just as they are generally prohibited from entering this place and the hut that stands on it. In preparing the meat, chacun à son goût. Some like to have their portion boiled, and in this case it is prepared in earthen cooking pots with taro leaves and other vegetables added. Others prefer to roast their portion on red-hot stones or over the coals; in [14] this case it is wrapped in leaves. The meat of the arms and the legs is considered the tastiest; the above-mentioned chieftain Zikan told me that in his estimation a piece of the upper thigh was the pièce de résistance.

Cannibalism is the cause of continual feuds. A tribe of which one member has been eaten up by a neighboring tribe does not rest until it has paid them back in the same coin. Tribe members who for any reason whatsoever are killed by another tribesman, are never eaten. If a dispute arises about such an incident, it is either atoned for by payment, or blood revenge demands a sacrifice for the slain man. 266 628